

# Marine Corps Base Quantico

## <u>Media Advisory</u>

Sept. 11, 2015

## 35th EDITION OF MODERN DAY MARINE MILITARY EXPOSITION SET FOR QUANTICO, VIRGINIA, SEPTEMBER 22-24

QUANTICO, Va.—The 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition of the world's largest military expo focusing on enhanced capabilities for expeditionary forces will be presented at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia, Sept. 22 - 24. This year marks the 23<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year the show has staged at MCB, Quantico and the 10<sup>th</sup> year at Lejeune Field, the main parade deck aboard MCB, Quantico, the "Crossroads of the Corps".

The expo is sponsored by the Marine Corps League and hosted by Marine Corps Base, Quantico.

The League is a 70,000-member Marine Corps veteran's organization. Personnel from Marine Corps

Systems Command, Marine Corps Combat Development Command and Marine Corps Warfighting Lab

will be present to meet with industry representatives.

A significant enhancement to the expo this year is the new panels taking place at the show, which are open to the media. Organized by Headquarters Marine Corps, the new panels will be held at the Briefing Center, located just outside "Tent A" and adjacent to the food vendors. The schedule and speaker line-up is as follows:

#### Tuesday, Sept. 22

1100-1230pm *the MAGTF* 

Panel One: Building the future EF-21 Marine Corps: Harnessing Innovation Across

**Moderator:** LtGen Robert Walsh, Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration **Invited speakers:** LtGen Jon Davis (DC, AVN), LtGen Ronald Bailey, (DC, PP&O), LtGen Michael Dana (DC I&L), BGen Dale Alford (MCWL), BGen (Sel) Roger Turner (CG, CDD)

Wednesday, Sept. 23

1100-1230pm Panel Two: From the Sea: EF-21 and Amphibious Operations by Sea, Air, Land, and

Cyber

**Moderator:** MajGen Michael Regner, HQMC

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**Invited Speakers:** Mr. Art Corbett (Concepts), Mr. Jim Strock (Seabasing division), BGen (sel) Dennis Crall (C4), Col. John Atkinson (FMID), Col Paul Fortunato (APW).

1pm-2:30pm Panel Three: Report to Industry

Moderator: BGen Joseph Shrader, (CG, MCSC)Invited speakers: MajGen Vincent Coglianese (ADC, I&L), BGen John Jansen (ADC, P&R), BGen (Sel.) Roger

Turner (CG, CDD), Mr. Bill Taylor (PEO-LS)

Thursday, Sept. 24

1000-1050am Panel Four: Marine Corps Special Operations Brief

Presenter: Mr. Greg Snyder, MARSOC, G-8,

1100-1200pm Panel Five: Marine Corps Small Business Programs Offices Brief

Presenter: Mr. David J. Dawson, Director, Small Business Programs Office, Marine

Corps Systems Command

Additionally, for the first time since 2012, Marine Corps Systems Command is hosting a Planning Brief to Industry on Tuesday, Sept. 22, from 12:45-4:00pm, also at the Briefing Center. Program Managers from each function will brief industry on the current status of their programs and the opportunities that might exist in the future. PEO-Land Systems will also give a brief at this event. Following the Planning Brief, industry representatives will be given the opportunity to sign-up for one-on-one meetings with Program Managers over the course of the remaining days at the expo.

One of the exposition's most popular events is the Enlisted Awards Parade. This year, the parade will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 23. The colorful ceremony features the presentation of awards for superior service to enlisted Marines and Sailors from Marine Corps units around the world. The awards are sponsored by the Capital Marines Detachment of the Marine Corps League. Because of the large number of visitors who attend the parade, car-pooling is encouraged to reduce traffic congestion at the center of the base.

Another major event on Sept. 23, the Modern Day Marine Military Exposition's Grand Banquet and Awards Dinner will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in the Crystal City section of Arlington, VA. During the Awards Dinner, the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps will present the Marine Corps League's top awards—the Military Order of the Iron Mike and the Dickey Chapelle Award—to two distinguished Americans for outstanding service to the nation, and to the Marine Corps in particular. The

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Iron Mike is named for a statue at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC, which is famous among Marines as a symbol of service, sacrifice and valor. The Dickey Chapelle Award is named for a woman war correspondent who covered the Marines in several wars and was killed on a combat patrol with Marines in Vietnam.

Once again this year, the Modern Day Marine Military Exposition will have a "Family Day," during which family members of Department of Defense military and civilian personnel can tour the exhibits. Family Day is Thursday, Sept. 24.

The 2015 expo is closed to the general public, but is anticipated to draw large crowds from not only U.S. Marine Corps military and civilian personnel, but also members of the other U.S. services, foreign military attaches, and corporate representatives from throughout the United States and several allied nations.

### **Press Pass Information**

News media representatives desiring to cover any portion of the exposition must have their press credentials upon arrival at the exposition site for registration. Due to heightened security, all attendees are required to have picture identification available when entering the base at Quantico. Uniformed Marines may enter exhibit halls without a special registration badge. All other attendees and industry representatives must register on site and obtain a registration badge during registration hours.

Exhibit areas will open at 10:00 a.m. each day. The areas will close at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, and 3:00 p.m. on Thursday.

Additional information on the exposition is available at www.marinemilitaryexpos.com

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Media interested in attending the "Modern Day Marine Military Expo" should contact Charlie Baisley at 571-235-0976, or send an email to <a href="mailto:Charles.baisley@emeraldexpo.com">Charles.baisley@emeraldexpo.com</a>.

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